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LUSAKA, JANUARY 17 - US AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO THE UN, CONGRESSMAN ANDREW YOUNG CONTINUES TO RECEIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE IN BOTH ZAMBIAN DAILIES. GOVERNMENT OWNED DAILY MAIL CARRIED REUTERS STORY OF SATURDAY TV INTERVIEW ON INSIDE PAGE AND PARTY CONTROLLED TIMES OF ZAMBIA HEADLINED SAME REUTERS STORY "US MUST TRAIN FUTURE BLACK LEADERS -- YOUNG " ON FRONT PAGE.

BOTH STORIES QUOTED YOUNG'S CALL FOR TRAINING NEW BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN YOUTHS NOW LIVING IN THE US TO BE ABLE TO RUN SOUTH AFRICA ONCE MAJORITY RULE COMES. HE WAS FURTHER QUOTED AS BEING IN FAVOR OF US FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR AN INDEPENDENT BLACK NEWSPAPER IN SOUTH AFRICA AND FOR CALLING ON US BUSINESSES TO PERSUADE THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH AFRICANS. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT HE DID NOT ADVOCATE THE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN FIRMS FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

IN ADDITION TO THE FRONT PAGE STORY THE TIMES CARRIED THE FOLLOWING FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL:

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QTE: RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND AFRICAN HIT THEIR NADIR DURING PAT MOYNIHAN'S TENURE AS US AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

HAPPILY FOR ALL CONCERNED HIS STAY THERE WAS QUILLOTINED BY EVENTS BEFORE IRREPARABLE DAMAGE HAD BEEN DONE. IVOR RICHARD,

THEN NOT AS WORLD-FAMOUS AS HE IS NOW, HAD EXCHANGED A FEW BRICKBATS WITH THE ACID -- TONGED SCHOLAR-TURNED-DIPLOMAT.

AFTER MOYNIHAN CAME WILLIAM SCRANTON, THE MILLIONAIRE FROM PENNSYLVANIA. MR. SCRANTON IS A VERY NICE PERSON AS ZAMBIANS WERE ABLE TO JUDGE DURING HIS RECENT VISIT HERE. HE IS MUCH LIKE MR. FORD - SOLID, TRUST-WORTHY BUT HARDLY A BALL OF FIRE.

MR. CARTER'S MAN IS ANDREW YOUNG, A TRAIL-BLAZER IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. HE WILL BE THE FIRST BLACK AMERICAN TO REPRESENT HIS COUNTRY AT THE UN. THAT HE IS FROM THE DEEP SOUTH IS ANOTHER DISTINCTION.

MR. YOUNG IS MORE CONCERNED ABOUT EVENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA THAN ALL HIS PREDECESSORS PUT TOGETHER. HE IS EVIDENTLY ECHOING MR. CARTER'S OWN APPROACH TO THE PROBLEMS OF THIS REGION.

FOR INSTANCE HIS IDEA OF TRAINING BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS IN PREPARATION FOR THE DAY THEIR COUNTRY WILL ATTAIN INDEPENDENCE HAS TO BE SEEN AS PART OF MR. CARTER'S GRAND STRATEGY FOR USING AMERICA'S VAST FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO INFLUENCE CHANGES HERE.

HENRY KISSINGER USED THE SAME STRATEGY, WITH THE NOTEWORTHY DIFFERENCE THAT HE INTENDED IT TO SERVE - NOT JUST THE INTERESTS OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA - BUT PRIMARILY THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES.

KISSINGER'S PLAN TO SOLVE THE LONG-STANDING PROBLEM OF ZIMBABWE LOOKED BRILLIANT AT FIRST, BUT IT HAS NOT WITHSTOOD THE TEST OF UNCLASSIFIED

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TIME. LIKE MOST OF HIS CONCOCTIONS, IT IS PALATABLE TO A FEW PEOPLE, BUT OBNOXIOUS TO THE MAJORITY.

MR. YOUNG WOULD DO WELL TO REMEMBER THAT NEITHER THE AFRICANS OF SOUTH AFRICA NOR THOSE OF ZIMBABWE, ARE GOING TO ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE USED AS PAWNS IN SOME BIZARRE GAME OF CHESS BETWEEN TWO SUPER POWERS.

IF THE UNITED STATES IS OFFERING AID TO THE AFRICANS IN ORDER FOR THEM TO EMBRACE THEIR IDIOLOGY - SUCH AS IT IS - WHEN THE TIME FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE ARRIVES, IT IS URGENT THAT AFRICA DISABUSE THEM OF THIS MIS-CONCEPTION RIGHT FROM THE START.

THE INDEPENDENCE THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE, SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA ARE SEEKING IS NO DIFFERENT FROM THE INDEPENDENCE WHICH THE AMERICANS SOUGHT AND WRESTED FROM BRITISH IN 1776 - INDEPENDENCE TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN POLITICAL PATH WITHOUT OUTSIDE PRESSURES.

MR. YOUNG IS WELL-MEANING AND WILL PROBABLY TURN OUT TO BE
THE MOST EFFECTIVE US AMBASSADOR AT THE UN FOR YEARS TO COME.
BUT HE SHOULD KNOW THAT THE AFRICANS WHO ARE FIGHTING TO CRUSH
APARTHEID AND RACIST THEY ARE DOING SO, SO THAT THEY AND THEY ALONE
CAN DECIDE THEIR DESTINY. THEY ARE NOT PAVING THE WAY FOR ANOTHER
FOREIGN POWER TO DOMINATE THEM.

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